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# ENG 1001G-011: Composition and Language

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## English 1001G

Spring 2009  
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### General Guidelines and Information

#### *Course Description*

English 1001G is a writing course that involves the reading, writing, and critiquing of both professional and student essays. You will write three 1,000 word essays worth 100 points each and one 1,500 word research paper worth 200 points. All papers **MUST** be typed according to standard MLA form. I will not accept handwritten essays. If your work is late, I will deduct ten percent (one full letter grade) for each day the paper is late unless, of course, special arrangements are made ahead of time.

My grading policy is simple. At the end of the semester, I will total your points and divide that sum by the total number of points possible in the course. My grading scale is as follows:

90% - 100% A  
80% - 89.9% B  
70% - 79.9% C  
0% - 69.9% NC

Please note that you must earn a grade of C or higher to pass English 1001G at EIU. If you earn lower than a C, I will issue you a grade of NC (no credit).

#### *Attendance*

Attendance to this class is **REQUIRED**. I expect you to attend class and to be there on time. If you have four to seven unexcused absences, I **will** lower your final grade by one full letter. If you have eight or more unexcused absences, I will issue you a grade of NC for the course.

#### *Conferences and Office Visits*

I will schedule one mandatory individual conference per student during week eight of the semester. If you miss this conference, I will count it as two unexcused absences. I also urge you to visit my office if you have questions or need help on an assignment.

#### *Plagiarism*

Don't plagiarize. The penalty for plagiarism is a grade of F on the assignment and an appointment with the people at Judicial Affairs.

#### *Documented Disabilities*

If you have a documented disability and want academic accommodations, let me know about it as soon as possible.

#### *Syllabus*

##### Week 1:

Monday – introduction  
Wednesday – introduce first essay, generate topics  
Friday – writing exercises

- Week 2:  
Monday – MLK Day, no class  
Wednesday – essay 1, draft one due  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 3:  
Monday – “Learning to Read,” Frederick Douglass, 408  
Wednesday – essay 1 draft 2  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 4:  
Monday – essay writing tips  
Wednesday – **essay 1 due**, “The Death of the Moth,” Virginia Woolf, 1178  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 5:  
Monday – introduce essay 2, in-class writing  
Wednesday – essay 2 draft 1 due, peer editing  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 6:  
Monday – “University Days,” James Thurber, 437  
Wednesday – “Advice to Youth,” Mark Twain, 647  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 7:  
Monday – essay 2 draft 2 due, peer editing  
Wednesday – **essay 2 due**, introduce essay 3, in-class writing  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 8: midterm conferences
- Week 9:  
Monday – essay 3 draft 1 due, peer editing  
Wednesday – essay 3 draft 2 due, peer editing  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 10:  
Monday – “The Ten Thousand Things,” Wayson Choy, 12  
Wednesday – **essay 3 due**, “The Way to Rainy Mountain,” N. Scott Momaday, 192  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 11:  
Monday – introduce essay 4 (research paper), generate topics with peers  
Wednesday – internet research methods  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 12:  
Monday – *The Blair Handbook*, chapters 22-24, 26-28, 30  
Wednesday – same assignment, continued  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 13:  
Monday – internet research methods  
Wednesday – essay 4 draft 1 due, peer editing  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 14:  
Monday – review MLA citation  
Wednesday – essay 4 draft 2 due, peer editing  
Friday – writing exercises
- Week 15:  
Monday – essay 4 draft 3 due, peer editing  
Wednesday – **essay 4 due**  
Friday – evaluations and final remarks

***THERE WILL BE NO FINAL EXAM IN THIS COURSE!***